

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 11, 2011 (the "Office Action"). Claims 1-24 and 26-33 are pending in the application. Claims 26 and 27 have been amended. Claim 25 was previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Support for the amended claims may be found in at least paragraph 0045 of the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-24 and 28-33 are allowed.

I. Claims 26 and 27 are Allowable

The Office has rejected claims 26 and 27, at paragraphs 1 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. §101, as including non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

In a teleconference held on August 31, 2011, the Examiner indicated that claims 26 and 27, as amended, overcome the 32 U.S.C. §101 rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has pointed out specific features of the claims not disclosed, suggested, or rendered obvious by the cited portions of the references applied in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

Any changes to the claims in this response, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the cited references, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 17-0026.

Respectfully submitted,

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